

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 57-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Jacobsen et al. Claims 61-64 are canceled. Claims 59 and 66 are amended.

Independent Claim 57 recites a method of conducting video telephone communications to include the steps of removing the camera module from connection with the video telephone, taking video images of a targeted object, and wirelessly transmitting the video images taken by the image sensor to the video telephone.

The Examiner stated that generally, the method claimed in claim 57 was disclosed in Jacobsen in col. 8, 9, and 12. Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's rejection, and believes that Jacobsen does not disclose any form of a camera that can be physically separated or disconnected from a video telephone yet still provide capability for the user to take video images. On the contrary, the only type of camera disclosed in Jacobsen is one that is physically connected to the telephone housing and further, there is no disclosure whatsoever of wireless transmission of the video images for processing/viewing. For example, the embodiment referred to in Jacobsen at col. 12 is shown in Figure 8, and this embodiment discloses a camera 215 which remains connected to the telephone housing by telescoping elements. The camera may be pivoted to enable the user to point and hold the camera in a selected direction; however, the camera 215 always remains physically connected to the telephone housing. As stated above, Claim 57 requires a step of removing the camera module from connection with the video telephone and wirelessly transmitting video images taken by the image sensor to the video telephone. Jacobsen fails to disclose any method requiring these two steps.

Independent Claim 59 claims a wireless telephone including means for wirelessly interconnecting the camera module to the wireless telephone, the means for wirelessly interconnecting enabling the camera module to be selectively displaced away from and not in contact with the wireless telephone. The means for wirelessly interconnecting corresponds to the capability of the present invention to transmit video images wirelessly from the disconnected camera module to the telephone housing for viewing/processing of the video images taken by the camera module. Therefore, for the same reasons as set forth above with respect to Claim 57, Claim 59 also clearly distinguishes over Jacobsen.

Claim 65 claims a different aspect of the present invention, namely, the particular arrangement of the power sources in the camera module and the housing of the telephone that allows the camera module to be physically disconnected from the telephone housing in order that video images can be taken by the camera module and then wirelessly transmitted by the camera module to the telephone housing. In connection therewith, Claim 65 requires a camera module battery to be housed within the camera module, a camera battery charge circuit housed within the video telephone, a telephone battery housed within the telephone for providing power to the camera battery charge circuit, and wherein when the camera module is received/stored in the video telephone. The camera module battery electrically communicates with the camera battery charge circuit to selectively charge the camera module battery. Therefore, when a user decides to take video images by the camera module, the camera module battery remains charged while being stored.

For this claim, the Examiner referenced a number of locations within the Jacobsen reference which the Examiner asserted corresponded to the elements of the claimed invention. However, Applicant also disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of the Jacobsen reference with respect to this claim. More specifically, the Examiner references various locations within the Jacobsen reference to include disclosure at columns 12, 13, 14 and 16. It is noted for each of these separate locations within Jacobsen that the disclosure therein refers to different embodiments, and there is no continuity between these embodiments in terms of how the various elements in these embodiments correspond to the claimed invention. The disclosure at column 12 refers to the embodiment of Figure 8, the disclosure at column 13 refers to the embodiment of Figure 9A, the disclosure at column 14 refers to the embodiment at Figures 13G-I, and the disclosure at column 16 refers to the embodiment shown in Figures 17A-17C. None of these embodiments or even separate discrete elements of these embodiments disclose the invention described above with respect to Claim 65. In the embodiment shown at Figure 8, there is simply shown a battery 212 which powers the telephone. For the embodiment in Figures 9A and 9B, the telephone may be used in conjunction with a docking station which has its own battery. However, these embodiments at least fail to disclose a camera battery charge circuit housed within the video telephone and a separate camera module battery which is housed within the camera module. As for the embodiment shown in Figures 13G-13I, another type of docking station is illustrated with its own battery; however, this embodiment is also deficient for the same reason as set forth above with the embodiment shown in Figures 8, 9A and 9B. As for the embodiment shown in Figures 17A-17C, this embodiment is in the form of a card reader system,

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and the only power source disclosed therein is the internal battery 720 that provides power for all of the reader functions. Therefore, Claim 65 clearly distinguishes over the Jacobsen reference.

Independent Claim 66 relates to a method of powering and recharging a camera module for use with a video telephone, and requires a video telephone including a camera battery charge circuit, and a telephone battery housed therein. This method also requires the camera module to have a separate camera module battery housed therein wherein removal of the camera module from engagement with the video telephone results in activation of the camera module battery for powering the camera module. The Jacobsen reference generally fails to disclose any type of camera module having its own dedicated power source. For the same reasons as also set forth above with respect to the other Jacobsen embodiments, Claim 66 clearly distinguishes over the Jacobsen reference.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowability of Claims 1-56. Applicant has also reviewed the Examiner's comments regarding allowability, and respectfully requests that the Examiner clarify the reasons for allowance based upon the number of independent claims allowed and the different claim language used within the various independent claims.

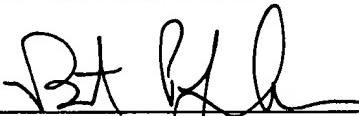
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Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the application in a condition for allowance; therefore, such favorable action is earnestly solicited. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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